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Marvin Arms, right, comforts his grandson, Kash Barte, 4, after Barte survived a house fire on the 3000 block of Savage Drive in Montgomery on Friday as his grandmother, Blanche Johnson, who pulled him out of building looks on. Barte's brother, Landon Johnson, 2, died in the fire. ALBERT CESARE/ADVERTISER

Toddler dies in Montgomery fire

Three family members were able to escape from northeast house

Brian Edwards and Albert A Cesare Montgomery Advertiser | USA TODAY NETWORK

A toddler died Friday morning in a house fire in northeast Montgomery. Landon Johnson, 2, died in the fire, according to his family. Three other family members were able to escape. Blanche Johnson, Landon's grandmother, said she was sleeping in bed with two of her grandchildren when she

awoke and smelled smoke in the house in the 3000 block of Savage Drive. After walking and looking through a crack in the door, she saw flames. She was able to get two of her grandchildren, Kash Barte, 4, and James

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Want to help?

Those who wish to donate to the family can contact any of the numbers below:

- Tawanda Gunn, aunt, 334-398-2788
- Tiffany Johnson, aunt, 334-322-4898
- Ronecia Jonson, aunt, 334-301-7846

Online

Grandmother describes fire. www.montgomeryadvertiser.com

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Shirley Chisholm was agent of change

Was first black woman elected to Congress

Mabinty Quarshie USA TODAY

Nearly 50 years after she became the first African-American woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm should be remembered as an agent of change.

Dedicated to uplifting marginalized and underrepresented communities, she transformed the Democratic Party to include a more diverse coalition of members. She pushed for the inclusion of women in office and the well-



Shirley Chisholm

being of women no matter where they stood. And she ran as a progressive candidate long before it was popular — in 1972, as the first African American and the first woman to be a major party candidate for U.S. president.

"Shirley was part of a revolution in the Democratic Party that moved it away from the domination by white men," said Ellen Fitzpatrick, professor of history at the University of New Hampshire and author of *The Highest Glass Ceiling: Women's Quest for the American Presidency*.

Born in Brooklyn and of Caribbean descent, Chisholm became involved in local politics during her college days. She graduated from Brooklyn College in 1946 and worked herself up from teaching to directing daycare centers. She got her master's degree in early childhood education from Columbia University in 1951. After getting involved in New York's political clubhouses, Chisholm learned from experience that these clubs exploited the work of women.

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Mueller charges 13 Russians

Special counsel Robert Mueller handed down an indictment Friday leveling criminal charges against 13 Russian nationals and three businesses for trying to meddle in the 2016 presidential election in support of Donald Trump. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein announced the charges and noted that the indictment doesn't claim the effort altered the results of the election between Trump and Democratic rival

Hillary Clinton. And Trump took the opportunity to insist he and his campaign had been vindicated, tweeting yet again that there was "no collusion!" But Mueller's team also uncovered new details indicating the Russian campaign was motivated to help elect Trump.

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Special counsel Robert Mueller charged Russians for trying to meddle in the 2016 presidential election. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

In one internal memo, prosecutors said, the Internet Research Agency told its employees to "use any opportunity to criticize Hillary and the rest (except Sanders and Trump — we support them)." In another, they said it is "imperative to intensify criticizing Hillary Clinton."

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